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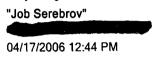




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To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: Conference Call This Afternoon

Yes but it needs to go no longer then 30 mins

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Are you two still available for the conference call
- > we had scheduled for
- > this afternoon at 4 PM EST/3 PM CST? --- Peg

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV 04/19/2006 03:44 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Yes, she is the assistant to David A. Norcross and she is unavailable until Monday. I spoke with the woman who is filling in for her this week and she does not have access to Mr. Norcross's schedule.

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04/19/2006 03:27 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Was this message sent to someone's assistant? We have noone named Rivers on our working group. Peggy

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## Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld Devon E. Romig

From: Devon E. Romig
Sent: 04/19/2006 12:24 PM
To: Rivers@BlankRome.com

Cc: Margaret Sims

Subject: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Ms. Rivers.

My name is Devon Romig and I am writing to you on behalf of the Election Assistance Commission. I believe that you have been contacted previously by our consultant Job Serebrov about the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group that we are organizing.

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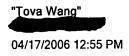
Feel free to call or email me with any questions.

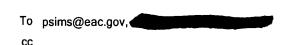
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Subject RE: Conference Call This Afternoon

yes

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EST/3 PM CST? --- Peq

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 11:38 AM

Subject: Conference Call This Afternoon

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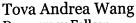
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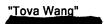
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04/21/2006 11:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject nexis article charts and overview/analysis

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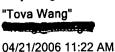






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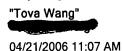
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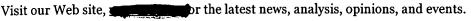
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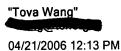
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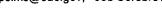
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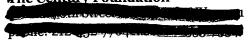
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And there will be one more forthcoming next week.

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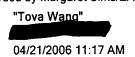






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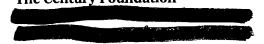


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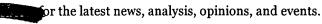


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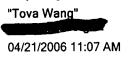
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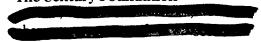


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To Diana Scott

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Subject Teleconference Requested

## Diana:

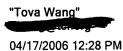
This is just to let you know that I have requested a teleconference on Wednesday, April 19, from 11 AM to Noon EST. I asked for 6 lines to accommodate our research consultants and the folks that they will be interviewing for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project.

Peggy Sims

**Election Research Specialist** 

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To psims@eac.gov

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Subject RE: Interviews



#### Noon EST

----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 10:49 AM

To: Subject: Interviews

I know you preferred Friday, but Job is not available then. He also said he is not available next week. Do you have any time available this Wednesday? --- Peggy

---- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/17/2006 11:45 AM ---"Job Serebrov"

04/17/2006 11:06 AM

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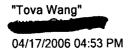
Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

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I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.
--- psims@eac.gov wrote:
> Tova and Job:
> I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.
> Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back
> to say she would be
> available Wednesday through Friday this week and
> next week for the
> interview. Which day and time is best for you and
> Job?
> --- Peggy
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> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM
> To
> psims@eac.gov
> "Tova Wang"
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> Subject
> donsanto again
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> Hi Peg,
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> Happy Easter!
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> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about
> this latest initiative,
> or somehow get more infomation? Thanks. Tova
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http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm
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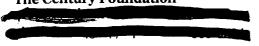


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Subject interview analysis

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

To psims@eac.gov

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05/03/2006 11:56 AM

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Hi Peg. I am sitting here with Cameron Quinn putting together this year's

ballt conference for AUSAs. She send her best!

I am available on 5/18. But I am also going to the Board of Advisors Meeting the following week. I would rather do this then.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----Original Message----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: Donsanto, Craig < Craig. Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

#### Craiq:

We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

Peggy Sims Election Research Specialist U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV 05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Court reporter

#### Peggy,

I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

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05/05/2006 09:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov,

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#### Subject hotels



Literally, there is not a hotel room to be found in the district on these dates. The only thing I could find was a room for \$379 a night. I have booked it and will assume that since we are so under-budget on travel that this will be OK

---- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: Cc: dromig@eac.gov

Sent: Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

Subject: Working Group

Hi, Folks:

#### Teleconference

Are both of you available for a teleconference next Tuesday afternoon at about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you, please suggest another date and/or time. I would like to discuss our preparations for the Working Group meeting.

#### Working Group Members

We have a very good person to fill the slot for the nonpartisan local election official: J.R. Perez, Elections Administrator for Guadalupe County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no objections to him. He is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat Rogers office, but have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any pull with him, you may want to contact him, too.

#### **Travel Arrangements**

You should make your own travel arrangements, including hotel. Travel time cannot be billed to the contract, except for hours actually worked on the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in preparation for the meeting, and the like). Current Federal rates follow:

Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include hotel taxes (if you cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable rates that are a little higher)

Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is \$48 on the first and last day of travel)

Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per mile

Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a travel authorization for you. I can approve your trip via email. Afterwords, when you turn in your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline receipt (or mileage documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground transportation receipts and a copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the total travel expenses due you, including applicable per diem. I do not need meal receipts.

Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations for personal reasons are not normally accommodated. What you can do, however, is to give me a comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel, and per diem of doing it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight, ground transportation, hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it should be no problem to cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive, we may only pay up to the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules apply to me when I travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC, you will spend the night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.

## Peggy

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05/11/2006 02:36 PM

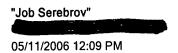
To "Job Serebrov"

Subject Re: Court Case Charts

OK, I will include all on the CD. Thanks. ---- Peggy

"Job Serebrov"





To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: Court Case Charts

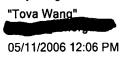
All. They are not duplicates. There are some cases repeated and some not. It is a slight varient of the word search.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> Job
> In preparing the CDs, we have run across the
> following files that appear
> to be duplicates. Which ones should go on the CD?
> --- Peggy
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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

To psims@eac.gov

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05/05/2006 12:56 PM

Subject RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

Thank you, Peg - - see you then.

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Friday, May 05, 2006 12:53 PM

To: Donsanto, Craig

Subject: RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 1-5:30 PM (though we may finish earlier). It will be held in EAC's large conference room (the one we use for public meetings, located off our lobby). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" < Craig. Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/05/2006 12:43 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

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SubjecRE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project treeting

If you tell me now I will put it into my calendar here, which in turn will remind me!

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Friday, May 05, 2006 12:42 PM

To: Donsanto, Craig

Subject: Re: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

How many days in advance do you need the reminder? --- Peggy ---- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM ----

## Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:07 PM

- To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman
- twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S.
  Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC,
  Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L.
  Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC,
  bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

## **Dear Commissioners:**

This is to let you know that the Working Group for our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation preliminary research project is scheduled to meet in EAC's large conference room the afternoon of Thursday, May 18. I will provide more information about this meeting to you later.

## **Peggy Sims**

**Election Research Specialist** 

---- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM ----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:19 AM

To Devon Romig

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Subject May 18 Meeting

Did Barbara Arnwine's office indicate who they propose to send in her place? --- Peggy ---- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----



"Job Serebrov" 05/10/2006 02:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Latham



The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking out some possibilities but this is not looking good.

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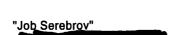
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To "Job Serebrov"

Subject Re: Latham

One sources suggests the Georgetown Inn has vacancies and pillow top beds. Try 1-800-424-2979 or 202-353-8900.

"Job Serebrov"



05/10/2006 02:35 PM

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05/11/2006 10:06 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

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Subject Today's Teleconference

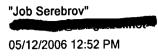
I assume that we are still on for today's teleconference at 11 AM EST. I will call you. I have attached a draft agenda for your review and comment. --- Peggy



Agenda 5-18-06 Mtg-draft.doc

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To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

CC

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

This is ok, given the fact that the WG may have suggestions. Will you be sending us the same packets that you are sending the WG? Also, I figure with Tova's response we will need to have a teleconference on the report once I return to Little Rock. We will need to do it that following Monday or Tuesday.

#### --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Would you please take a look at the attached? I
- > combined both of your
- > definitions, reformatted the list, removed a
- > reference to the fraud having
- > to have an actual impact on the election results
- > (because fraud can be
- > prosecuted without proving that it actually changed
- > the results of the
- > election), and taken out a couple of vague examples
- > (e.g.; reference to
- > failing to enforce state laws --- because there may
- > be legitimate reasons
- > for not doing so).

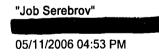
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- > I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and
- > am waiting to hear if
- > he accepts our invitation to join the working group.
- > --- Peggy

> >

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To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

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Subject Re: Dinner

Yes. My wife is a vegetarian and I can't eat wheat products and don't eat pork. Non-toxic Oriental seems to always work. I did not cc Tova on this until I received your reaction. You probably want to include

Tova on replies to this e-mail.

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

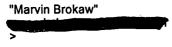
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05/09/2006 11:04 AM

Subject RE: May 18th Meeting at EAC

## Hi Devon:

We have heard from Mark Hearne and Todd Rokita. They are both flying in and out on the 18th and will not need hotel rooms. We're kind of waiting to see if Perez and Rogers need rooms before booking any hotel. As soon as we get approval of Hearne and Rokita air schedules and get them booked, we'll forward their itineraries to you.

Kind Regards,

Marvin

-----Original Message-----

From: dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:31 AM

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Cc: psims@eac.gov

Subject: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note

that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.

Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

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Subject David Norcross

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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05/04/2006 06:08 PM

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peggy -- they don't have anything to do with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights do they?

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I ask only because the Justice Department is currently engaged in a very acrimoneous FOIA litigation with LCCR that focuses precisely on our efforts to combat voter "intimidationm"

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To: Donsanto, Craig < Craig. Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Thu May 04 17:20:39 2006

Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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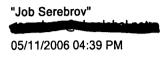
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Peggy Sims Election Research Specialist U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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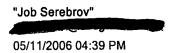
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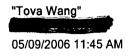
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To:

**Subject:** Fw: Case Summaries

Had you seen this? --- Peggy

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Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

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Subject Re: Good News

I'm thankful it all worked out.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Ginsberg has accepted our invitation! --- Peggy

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To pegsims1@aol.com, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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#### Subject Barbara Arnwine

## Peggy,

I just spoke to Valerie Johnson, Ms. Arnwine's assistant. The following are a list of dates that are possible for her attendance;

8th - PM (2pm to 6pm)

9th - Possible PM

16th - PM (1:30pm - 5:30pm)

17th - All day\*

18th - All day\*

19th - All day\*

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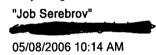
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> Are both of you available for a teleconference next
> Tuesday afternoon at
> about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,
> please suggest another
> date and/or time. I would like to discuss our
> preparations for the
> Working Group meeting.
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> We have a very good person to fill the slot for the
> nonpartisan local
> election official: J.R. Perez, Elections
> Administrator for Guadalupe
> County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no
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> is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat
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> time cannot be billed to the contract, except for
> hours actually worked on
> the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in
> preparation for the meeting,
> and the like). Current Federal rates follow:
> Maximum Lodging = $180 per day- does not include
> hotel taxes (if you
> cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable
> rates that are a little
> higher)
> Meals & Incidentals = $64 per day (except that it is
> $48 on the first and
> last day of travel)
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> travel authorization
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To Craig Donsanto

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----Original Message----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: Donsanto, Craig < Craig. Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006

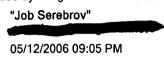
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Peggy Sims Election Research Specialist U.S. Election Assistance Commission ---- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM ----





To psims@eac.gov

CC

Subject Question

#### Peg:

Since I am driving to DC, besides hotel receipts, do you want me to keep my gas receipts or how will my car use be compensated? Also, I assume I don't have to retain food receipts.

Job

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05/03/2006 12:40 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

CC

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

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My problem is that agency staff is booked most of the week of 5/21. Monday through Wednesday are taken up with meetings of the Standards Board Executive Committee, the full Standards Board, and the Board of Advisors. Thursday, we have EAC's public meeting. Also, I will lose one of my two consultants in June, so I'm trying to wrap up this project (and get the final report from the consultants) by the end of May.

Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

"Donsanto, Craig" < Craig. Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

To psims@eac.gov

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 02:08 PM

To Job Serebrov

CC

Subject Literature Summary

Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of <u>The Federal Crime of Election Fraud</u> by Craig Donsanto. There is something wrong in the fourth paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can you please send a replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in an email and I will place it in the document. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 10:32 AM

To Devon Romig

CC

Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Devon:

We have the OK from Tom to obtain a court reporter. Per his response (attached), please coordinate with Joyce. Also, I understand the reporter for the Asian Language Working Group arrived late. Please find out how we can ensure the one for our meeting arrives on time. Thanks! --- Peggy

---- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/10/2006 10:31 AM ---Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

CC

Subject Re: Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Yes. please let Joyce know and she will get someone Tom

Thomas R. Wilkey
Executive Director
US Election Assistance Commission
1225 New York Ave, NW - Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 566-3109 phone
TWilkey@eac.gov
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 10:26 AM

To twilkey@eac.gov

cc DScott@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

#### Tom:

I understand that EAC hired a court reporter for the Asian Language Working Group meeting. I would like to do the same for the May 18 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting, but I did not include funds in my budget for this service. Do we have funds that could be used for this purpose? (See Devon's cost estimate below.) --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/10/2006 10:18 AM ----Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

CC

Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

,I can also check around for different prices.

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Secretary Rokita's schedule

Peggy,

I just spoke to Nathan Cane (Secretary Rokita's assistant). He did not have any new information but they are going to have a scheduling meeting tomorrow morning and he will ask specifically about the afternoon of May 18th. I also reminded him to find out any of the days that he was not available or any of the days that he had could attend the meeting in the morning or the afternoon.

Thanks.

Devon

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 01:05 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

CC

Subject Re: VFVI Working Group

Devon:

I forgot to tell you that Thor Hearne's assistant is named Bethany. She can be reached at 314/613-2510. --- Peggy

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV



Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV 05/04/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject VFVI Working Group

Peggy,

I have called each of the participants. So far I have a definite confirmation from Kathy Rogers.

Here is the list of the out of town participants for the Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group:

Mark Hearne II - St. Louis, MO Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

Possible Participant.

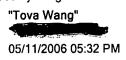
Patrick Rogers - New Mexico

Thanks,

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To psims@eac.gov

CC

Subject RE: new working group representative

I'm up for a short meeting afterward and a teleconference on Monday. And maybe when all of this is over, you and I can have dinner! Have I told you that I am moving down to DC this summer?

I suspect you have put up with much more than I have and I really appreciate everything you have done.

----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 4:27 PM

To:

Subject: RE: new working group representative

Tova:

I understood Job to say that he could only find a hotel room with the right bed in Roanoke (hours away). He will drive in Thursday morning for the meeting and return to that hotel Thursday night. He won't drive back into DC for a Friday morning meeting.

We don't have to do dinner. I recognize that you have spent a lot of time and energy to make this project work, and I don't want to put you out. (You have done a lot under difficult circumstances.) Though we will be bushed, we may want to have a short meeting right after the Working Group disperses --- or we could do a teleconference the following Monday afternoon (before I head into three more days of meetings). --- Peggy

"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 04:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net

CC

Subject RE: new working group representative

It would not be my first preference to do this right after the meeting, and I sort of had tentative plans. They can be changed if necessary of course, but what happened to meeting on Friday morning?

----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:47 PM

To:

Subject: Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions of preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov

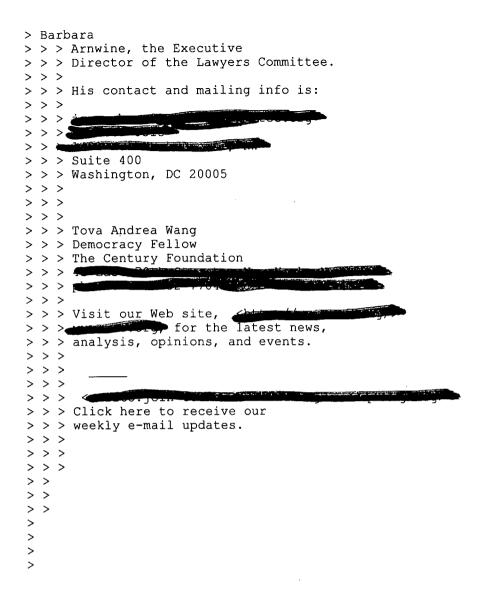
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Subject Re: new working group representative

On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:
> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each
> got to pick three
> members of the Working Group. The Commission
> guidance regarding this
> particular member follows:
> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.
> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's
> pick.
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement
> for Norcross. If
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who
> includes public
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would
> not try and stir up
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.
> The effort is likely
> to come back and bite you.
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>
> "Job Serebrov"
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM
> To
> psims@eac.gov
> cc
> Subject
> Re: new working group representative
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> I really don't care if he represents the
> organization
> or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was
> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are
> going
> to invite him without first having a replacement for
> my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and
> discuss
> all of this.
 --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
> > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing
 > her. He works for her
 > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy
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>
 > "Job Serebrov" <
 > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM
  > "Tova Wang"
                                psims@eac.gov
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  > cc
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  > Re: new working group representative
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> > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority
> > attorney and we already have a rep who worked with
> > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not
> > fill
> > that position since I am one down.
> > --- Tova Wang
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> > is Jon Greenbaum
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  > > Here's his info in full:
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> >> for Civil Rights. He will be representing
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 09:32 AM

- To bschuler mhearne jrperez assistant krogers
- cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group, May 18th, 2006

## Dear Meeting Participants,

Thank you for confirming your participation in the upcoming Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting in Washington, D.C.. This meeting will take place at our office from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on Thursday May 18th, 2006.

The Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will cover the cost of your flight, the cost of your hotel room and provide you with a daily per diem. The cost of the airfare and the hotel stay will be paid directly by the EAC, as long as you book your travel through Adventure Travel.

To coordinate your flight and hotel stay, please contact Marvin Brokaw of Adventure Travel at (205) 444-4800, ext. 3501. Please note that the eligible dates of the hotel accommodation include the evenings on May 17th and May 18th. Once you have contacted him and you have received the itinerary via e-mail you must forward me a copy immediately so that I can complete a travel authorization form.

I have included two attachments with this email; the first attachment is a letter that contains important information that you will need to know before calling the travel agent and the second attachment provides some general information that should help you get around the city during your trip.

In addition to your travel itinerary, I will also need the following information by the close of business this Friday May 12, 2006 in order to complete your travel authorization:

Full Name:

Title:

Entity for whom you work:

Address to Which the Reimbursement Check Will Be Mailed:

Work Telephone:

Fax Number:

Social Security #: (if uncomfortable e-mailing this, feel free to call me):

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

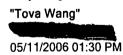
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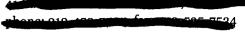
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Subject research summaries

I have the feeling we didn't include these in the original batch I sent you. Could you double check and if not, would you please include them in the existing research materials? Sorry and thanks. I'm kind of doing all of this on my own in case you couldn't tell. List is coming...

Tova Andrea Wang

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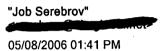
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To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: Working Group

Given the information I have Peggy, that is not going to be financially possible. First, given Tova's info about the hotels, it is too much for me to front. Two to three days in DC would run around \$1000 for the hotel alone. That does not count the two days on the road to get there and two days back. Second, if I can't charge the federal per mile allowance for the entire trip to DC and back and can only get the equivalent of plane fare, I will actually loose money.

I simply do not see how we can do this in person given the financial restrictions.

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:
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> Job:
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    I don't think we can put you on teleconference for
> 41/2 hours. We really
> need to have you here in person if you are to help
> conduct the Working
> Group meeting. You should make your travel
> arrangements ASAP. --- Peggy
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>
    "Job Serebrov"
> 05/08/2006 10:14 AM
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    To
> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org
> cc
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> Subject
> Re: Working Group
> Peggy:
> 4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the
> financial restrictions that you indicated would be
> place for use of my car (I would actually loose
> money
> coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this
> time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait
> months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle
> for
> this working group meeting to take place in person.
> is looking like the only way it will get done is by
> teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about
> the
> unknown nature of Mr. Perez.
> Job
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
> > Hi, Folks:
> > Teleconference
> > Are both of you available for a teleconference
> next
> > Tuesday afternoon at
> > about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,
> > please suggest another
> > date and/or time. I would like to discuss our
> > preparations for the
> > Working Group meeting.
> > Working Group Members
> > We have a very good person to fill the slot for
> the
> > nonpartisan local
> > election official:
                       J.R. Perez, Elections
> > Administrator for Guadalupe
> > County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have
> no
> > objections to him. He
> > is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to
> Pat
> > Rogers office, but
> > have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have
> any
> > pull with him, you
> > may want to contact him, too.
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> > Travel Arrangements
> > You should make your own travel arrangements,
> > including hotel. Travel
> > time cannot be billed to the contract, except for
> > hours actually worked on
> > the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in
> > preparation for the meeting,
> > and the like). Current Federal rates follow:
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> > Maximum Lodging = $180 per day- does not include
> > hotel taxes (if you
> > cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable
> > rates that are a little
> > higher)
> > Meals & Incidentals = $64 per day (except that it
> > $48 on the first and
> > last day of travel)
> > Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = $ .445 per
> > mile
> > Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out
> > travel authorization
> > for you. I can approve your trip via email.
> > Afterwords, when you turn in
> > your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline
> > receipt (or mileage
> > documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground
> > transportation receipts and a
> > copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the
> > total travel expenses due
> > you, including applicable per diem. I do not need
> > meal receipts.
> > Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations
> > for personal reasons are
> > not normally accommodated.
                                What you can do,
> > however, is to give me a
> > comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage,
> hotel,
> > and per diem of doing
> > it your way against the cost of a roundtrip
> flight,
> > ground transportation,
> > hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it
> > should be no problem to
> > cover the full cost. If your way is more
> expensive,
> > we may only pay up to
> > the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules
> > apply to me when I
             If you can tell me where, other than DC,
> > travel.)
> > you will spend the
> > night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.
> > Peggy
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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To "Tova Andrea Wang"

CC

Subject Re: wa

Let me check with Devon early tomorrow. If she did not hear from him this afternoon, I'll have her contact you. Perhaps you wiil have more success than we have.

Peggy

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

---- Original Message ----

From: "Tova Wang"

Sent: 04/26/2006 05:46 PM

To: Margaret Sims

Subject: wg

Do you want me to call both Bob too?

Tova Andrea Wang **Democracy Fellow** 

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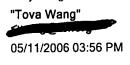
To Paul DeGregorio

cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject New Working Group Member

FYI - The person I mentioned as a replacement for David Norcross, who was unavailable, could not attend or Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting. Our consultant, Job Serebrov, suggested Benjamin Ginsberg, who is willing. I'm sorry I could not check with you on this beforehand --- things





To "'Job Serebrov" psims@eac.gov

Subject RE: new working group representative

That was not the only reason -- it was to have someone from the civil rights community. I hardly think you can have a discussion about voter intimidation and suppression without someone with that background at the table. I know you agree with this given what you've said to me in the past.

----Original Message----

From: Job Serebrov

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:48 PM

To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov

Subject: RE: new working group representative

We don't know about Ginsburg but it was only stated, over my objection, that no current invitee was being disinvited. This does not apply to representatives of those people in my mind, especially when the main specific reason for inviting the person was her race.

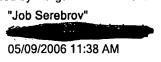
--- Tova Wang rote:

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> He is representing Barbara Arnwine, and we have
> already established we are
> not disinviting anyone. We still don't know about
> Ginsburg yet anyway,
> right?
> ----Original Message----
> From: Job Serebrov [
> Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:36 PM
> To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov
> Subject: Re: new working group representative
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> > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project
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> > the Lawyers Committee
> > for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara
> > Arnwine, the Executive
> > Director of the Lawyers Committee.
  > His contact and mailing info is:
    Suite 400
    Washington, DC 20005
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  > Tova Andrea Wang
  > Democracy Fellow
  > The Century Foundation
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To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

The code attachment did not work that is what I meant by it did not come through.

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:
> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas
> Code? --- Peggy
> "Job Serebrov"
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM
> To
> psims@eac.gov
> cc ''
> Subject
> Re: Working Group-Perez
> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and
> this brings up another issue. How is the county
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the
> situation in Texas.
  --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
> > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me
> to
> > find a nonpartisan
> > local election official to serve on the Working
> > Group. The three of us
> > discussed the desirability of having a HIspanic.
> > proposed that I find
> > someone from Texas because of that State's
> colorful
> > history of voting
> > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat
> > In those Texas
> > counties that hire Election Administrators to run
> > elections, rather than
> > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for
> > voter registration;
> > County Clerk for balloting), the Election
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> > Administrator is hired by the
> > County Election Commission and is supposed to
> > perform his or her duties in
> > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from
> > Texas Election Code
> > regarding election administrator hiring and
> > restrictions on partisan
> > activity.)
> > Any experienced Texas election official will be
> > familiar with voting fraud
> > and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.
> > Mr. Perez has over 13
> > years experience as a county Election
> Administrator
> > in Texas. You won't
> > find many news articles mentioning him because he
> > has kept his nose clean.
     (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the
> > country, prefers to
> > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the
> > association of Texas
> > election officials and the two largest
> organizations
> > of election officials
> > in this country: the International Association of
> > Clerks, Recorders,
> > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and
> > Election Center. He
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the
> > Legislative Committee for the
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators.
> > currently serves on
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which
> plans
> > the educational
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted
> > at that organization's
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The
> Election
> > Center have selected
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and
> > his professional
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.
> Mr.
> > Perez also has access
> > to information from other States through his
> > membership in IACREOT and The
>> Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,
> > which you will note if you
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County
> > Elections web site and
> > hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something
> that
> > might be useful in the
> > upcoming meeting.
> > Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004,
> > county had over 65
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> > thousand registered voters (a number more than
> > doubled the number of
> > registered voters in 1988). A third of the
> county's
> > population claims
> > Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.
> > Census Bureau. The county
> > is in south central Texas and is bordered by
> Comal,
> > Hays, Cladwell,
> > Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties.
> 1980s,
> > the county was
> > predominately a farming community; but in recent
> > years, many people have
> > moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe
> > County, preferring to
> > live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.
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> > --- Peggy
> >
 > "Job Serebrov"
> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM
> > To
> > psims@eac.gov
> > cc
  > Subject
 > Re: Working Group
>
 > Peggy:
> > What political party is Perez with? How political
> > he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political?
> > Who
> > appointed Perez?
 > As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise
> > anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting
> knocked
> > off Tova's list?
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> > Job
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05/03/2006 11:39 AM

To Craig Donsanto

CC

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

## Craig:

We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

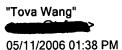
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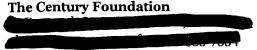
To psims@eac.gov

cc dromig@eac.gov.

Subject existing literature list

Job, please double check to make sure I haven't missed anything

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To "Tova Wang" <

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Subject RE: new working group representative 

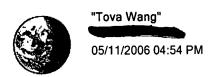
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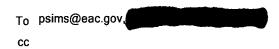
#### Tova:

I understood Job to say that he could only find a hotel room with the right bed in Roanoke (hours away). He will drive in Thursday morning for the meeting and return to that hotel Thursday night. He won't drive back into DC for a Friday morning meeting.

We don't have to do dinner. I recognize that you have spent a lot of time and energy to make this project work, and I don't want to put you out. (You have done a lot under difficult circumstances.) Though we will be bushed, we may want to have a short meeting right after the Working Group disperses --- or we could do a teleconference the following Monday afternoon (before I head into three more days of meetings). --- Peggy







Subject RE: new working group representative

It would not be my first preference to do this right after the meeting, and I sort of had tentative plans. They can be changed if necessary of course, but what happened to meeting on Friday morning?

----Original Message----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:47 PM **To:** serebrov@sbcglobal.net; wang@tcf.org **Subject:** Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions of preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov"

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To psims@eac.gov

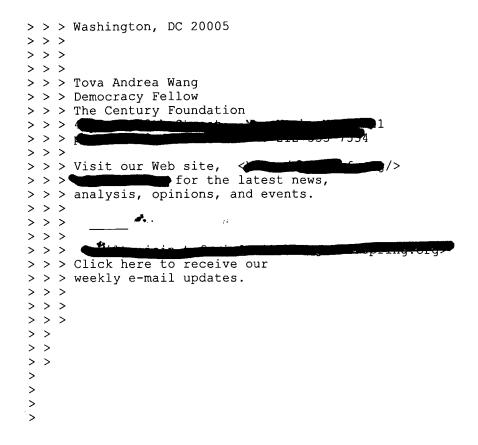
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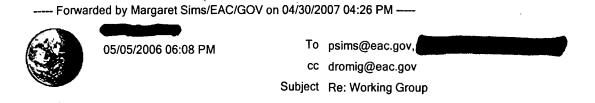
Subject Re: new working group representative

going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:
> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each
> got to pick three
> members of the Working Group.
                                 The Commission
> quidance regarding this
> particular member follows:
> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.
> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's
> pick.
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement
> for Norcross. If
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who
> includes public
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would
> not try and stir up
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.
> The effort is likely
> to come back and bite you.
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> "Job Serebrov"
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM
> To
> psims@eac.gov
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For purposes of travel arrangements, Job do you want to plan to meet the day before and/or the day after the meeting?

From: psims@eac.gov
To: v ;
Cc: dromig@eac.gov
Sent: Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM
Subject: Working Group

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Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations for personal reasons are not normally accommodated. What you can do, however, is to give me a comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel, and per diem of doing it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight, ground transportation, hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it should be no problem to cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive, we may only pay up to the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules apply to me when I travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC, you will spend the night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.

#### Peggy

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05/05/2006 06:18 PM

To psims@eac.gov,

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Working Group

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I'm finding there are no hotel rooms available

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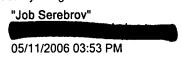
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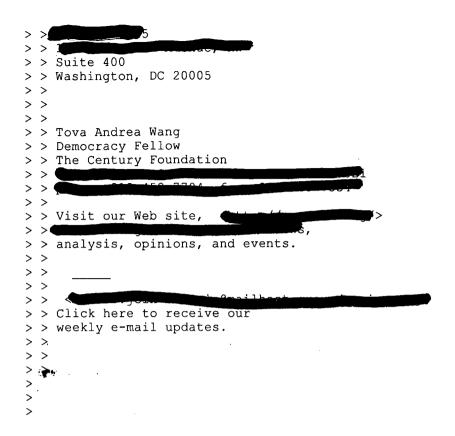


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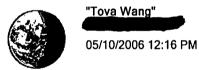
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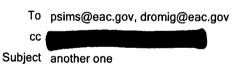
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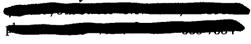
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Plus, I found a few typos on the nexis analysis. Sorry about this.

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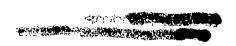
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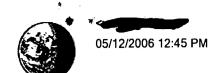
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To psims@eac.gov,

Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the requirements of the Voting Rights Act"

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Friday, May 12, 2006 9:20 AM

To: To:

Subject: Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 10:52 AM

To Joyce Wilson

CC

Subject Large Conference Room Needed

This is just to confirm my request to reserve the large conference room on Thursday, May 18, from Noon-6 PM. We will be using it for a meeting of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group. Thanks! --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV 05/08/2006 02:56 PM

to vjohnson barnwine dlovecchio dlovecchio Rbauer@

Subject Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group, May 18th

Dear Meeting Participants,

Thank you for confirming your participation in the upcoming Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting in Washington, D.C. This meeting will take place at our office from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on

Thursday May 18th, 2006.

The office of the Election Assistance Commission is located at: 1225 New York Avenue NW, Suite 1100 Washington, D.C. 20005

We will send more information about this meeting via Federal Express. If you would like this information to be sent to an address other than your office please reply with the preferred address.

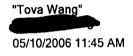
Feel free to contact me with any questions.

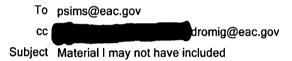
Sincerely,

**Devon Romia** United States Election Assistance Commission 1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100 Washington, DC 20005 202,566,2377 phone 202,566,3128 fax www.eac.gov

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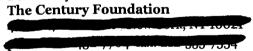




## Peg,

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think I omitted sending you these specific summaries that are based on complex cases that could not be adequately described within the confines of the nexis article excel spreadsheets. If we can, these should be included, probably on the disc. Sorry.

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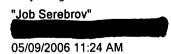




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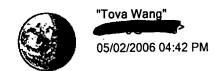
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solve all of my issues---see my longer e-mail. --- psims@eac.gov wrote: > I had a voice mail message from him on Monday. > called him back but had > to leave a voice mail message (telephone tag). > you hear from him and > he is willing and able to come, I need to know this. > We need to have him > call our travel service to make travel arrangements > ASAP. Thanks. ---> Peggy > "Job Serebrov" > 05/09/2006 10:46 AM يومدرو > To > psims@eac.gov > cc > Subject > Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting > > > > FYI > --- "Patrick J. Rogers" > wrote: > > Subject: RE: Working Group meeting > Date: Tue, 9 May 2006 07:42:44 -0600 > From: "Patrick J. Rogers" > > To: "Job Serebrov" < > > Job---maybe. I wile call you and/or Ms. Sims > > tomorrow. Depositions all > > day today. Thanks, Pat > > What's the best number to call you tomorrow? > > > > > > Patrick J. Rogers 87103-2168 > Albuquerque, NM >

I will hear from him tomorrow but that still does not

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> >
> > ----Original Message----
> > From: Job Serebrov
> > Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:41 PM
> > To: Patrick J. Rogers
> > Subject: Working Group meeting
> > Pat:
> > The working group meeting for the voter fraud
> > project is scheduled for
> > May 18th in DC but David Norcross can't attend.
> > Could you come? If so,
> > we need to arrange travel and a hotel for you.
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> > Regards,
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> > Job
> > Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.
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To dromig@eac.gov

cc psims@eac.gov

Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Barbara says that you have been working it out with her assistant Valerie, that they have spoken to you several times.

----Original Message----

From: dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2006 8:46 AM

Cc: psims@eac.gov

Subject: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Dear Tova.

I am working with Peggy Sims in order to set a date for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group. I have been trying to reach Barbara Arnwine in order to find out which days in May she is potentially available to attend this meeting but all of my attempts have been unsuccessful.

I would appreciate any help that you could provide in this matter.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig U.S. Election Assistance Commission 1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100 Washington, D.C. 20005 (202)566-2377

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"Weinberg and Utrecht" 05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

---- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov

To:

Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:08 PM Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

## Barry:

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Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100

Washington, DC 20005

Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120 (direct)

Fax: 202-566-3127 email: psims@eac.gov

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To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"





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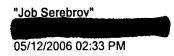
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# "Job Serebrov" 05/12/2006 02:33 PM

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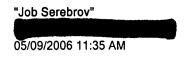
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Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

I did not get any attachments.
--- psims@eac.gov wrote:
> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas
> Code? --- Peggy
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> "Job Serebrov"
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

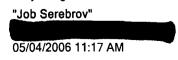
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> Re: Working Group-Perez
> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and
> this brings up another issue. How is the county
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or
> if
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the
> situation in Texas.
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
> > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me
> to
> > find a nonpartisan
> > local election official to serve on the Working
> > Group. The three of us
> > discussed the desirability of having a HIspanic.
> > proposed that I find
> > someone from Texas because of that State's
> colorful
> > history of voting
> > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat
> > In those Texas
> > counties that hire Election Administrators to run
> > elections, rather than
> > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for
> > voter registration;
> > County Clerk for balloting), the Election
> > Administrator is hired by the
> > County Election Commission and is supposed to
> > perform his or her duties in
> > a nonpartisan manner.
                            (See attached excerpts from
> > Texas Election Code
> > regarding election administrator hiring and
> > restrictions on partisan
> > activity.)
> > Any experienced Texas election official will be
 > > familiar with voting fraud
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> > and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.
>> Mr. Perez has over 13
> > years experience as a county Election
> Administrator
> > in Texas. You won't
> > find many news articles mentioning him because he
> > has kept his nose clean.
     (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the
> > country, prefers to
> > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the
> > association of Texas
> > election officials and the two largest
> organizations
> > of election officials
> > in this country: the International Association of
> > Clerks, Recorders,
>> Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and
> > Election Center. He
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the
> > Legislative Committee for the
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators.
> > currently serves on
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which
> plans
> > the educational
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted
> > at that organization's
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The
> Election
> > Center have selected
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and
> > his professional
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.
> Mr.
> > Perez also has access
> > to information from other States through his
> > membership in IACREOT and The
> > Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,
> > which you will note if you
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County
> > Elections web site and
>> hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something
> > might be useful in the
> > upcoming meeting.
> > Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004,
> the
> > county had over 65
> > thousand registered voters (a number more than
> > doubled the number of
> > registered voters in 1988). A third of the
> county's
> > population claims
> > Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.
> > Census Bureau. The county
> > is in south central Texas and is bordered by
> Comal,
> > Hays, Cladwell,
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> > Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the
> 1980s,
> > the county was
> > predominately a farming community; but in recent
> > years, many people have
> > moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe
> > County, preferring to
> > live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.
> > --- Peggy
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> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM
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> > Peggy:
> > What political party is Perez with? How political
> > he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political?
> > Who
> > appointed Perez?
> > As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise
> > anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting
> knocked
> > off Tova's list?
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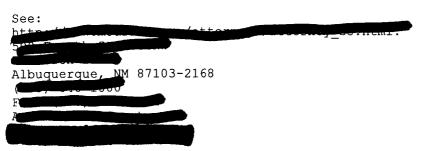


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### Subject Re: Good News



I will have a better idea about my uncle's condition today after surgery.

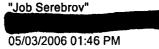


--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Job:
- > Secretary Rokita is available May 18. I'm going to
- > talk with the Chairman
- > today about substituting Rogers for Norcross. Do
- > you have contact
- > information for Rogers? --- Peggy

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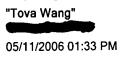
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To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov

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Subject RE: research summaries

I did send yout the Brennan piece, but not the other one.

----Original Message----

From: Tova Wang

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 12:31 PM To: psims@eac.gov; dromig@eac.gov

Subject: research summaries

I have the feeling we didn't include these in the original batch I sent you. Could you double check and if not, would you please include them in the existing research materials? Sorry and thanks. I'm kind of doing all of this on my own in case you couldn't tell. List is coming...

Tova Andrea Wang **Democracy Fellow** 

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To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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Subject Re: Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Devon:

Send an email to Perez to remind him to contact Adventure Travel ASAP. We don't have confirmation of Rogers participation yet, though we have had a number of voice mails flying back and forth, so we cannot yet notify him to make travel arrangements immediately. --- Peggy

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV



Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC



05/09/2006 11:12 AM

To

Subject Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Devon Romig United States Election Assistance Commission 1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100 Washington, DC 20005 202.566.2377 phone 202.566.3128 fax www.eac.gov

05/09/2006 11:04 AM

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To dromig@eac.gov

CC

Subject RE: May 18th Meeting at EAC

### Hi Devon:

We have heard from Mark Hearne and Todd Rokita. They are both flying in and out on the 18th and will not need hotel rooms. We're kind of waiting to see if Perez and Rogers need rooms before booking any hotel. As soon as we get approval of Hearne and Rokita air schedules and get them booked, we'll forward their itineraries to you.

# Kind Regards,

Marvin

----Original Message----

From: dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:31 AM

, To:

Cc: psims@eac.gov

Subject: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.

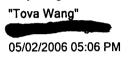
Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

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Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

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Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2006 3:54 PM

To:

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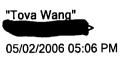
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Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

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Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2006 1:44 PM

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cc "Mitchell, Cynthia" < Cynthia. Mitchell@usdoj.gov>

05/11/2006 03:36 PM

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peg - -

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I plan to be here tomorrow, although I may have to go to the main building during the day. If you are here and I am out, just leave the packet with the receptionist. Thank you.

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:34 PM

To: Donsanto, Craig

Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Craig:

I would love to have an updated list for our research files. For purposes of getting this information out to our participants, I will note that the consultants' summary is based upon information provided as of January 2006. Thanks.

Do you expect to be at your office tomorrow afternoon? I can walk over with the information packet we will have put together for the Working Group. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" < Craig. Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

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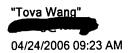
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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Fw: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Oops! I forgot to cc. you on this. --- Peggy

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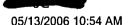
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# **Peggy Sims**

**Election Research Specialist** 

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To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov"

Subject Fw: research summary



🏕 Existing\_research\_thoughts.doc Job found it. I'm assuming its too late to include so as I said I'll just present it if thats OK. Thanks again Job. T

---- Original Message ----From: "Job Serebrov" To: ( Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:12 AM Subject: Re: research summary > T~ > Are you talking about this? > J~ >> In the middle of the night I got the feeling that >> you may be right, that I did do a summary of the >> existing literature review (that Job, you approved) >> . I'll have to look for it on Monday (unless I go >> into the office over the weekend, which is >> possible). I may be hallucinating, but if not, I'll >> just present it at the meeting rather than try to >> get it to them ahead of time. Tova

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To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

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Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

### Craig:

I would love to have an updated list for our research files. For purposes of getting this information out to our participants, I will note that the consultants' summary is based upon information provided as of January 2006. Thanks.

Do you expect to be at your office tomorrow afternoon? I can walk over with the information packet we will have put together for the Working Group. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" < Craig. Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

To psims@eac.gov

05/11/2006 02:55 PM

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Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

#### Peggy - -

I have Cynthia Mitchell in here with me now.

She says that the figures you listed in your attachment are your analysis of our product, and that there3fore we cannot re-evaluate them.

I do not see anything in these raw numbers that impacts adversely any privacy or privilege issues.

We can update the public list and send that to you, if you'd prefer. That would allow you to represent that the numbers are current up through now. But if you would prefer, you can use what you have as long as it is represented as complete only through January, 2006.

Let us know your desires - - -

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:35 PM

To: Donsanto, Craig

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Importance: High

# Craig:

I think we have resolved the issue of Barbara Arnwine's absence from the upcoming meeting by having one of her staff represent her (and her organization). Please review the attached rough summary of DOJ Cases ASAP and let me know if I need to delete reference to the open investigations. Hopefully, we won't have to remove this information as it does not specify the defendants or States involved. --- Peg

# Rough Summary of Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section Activities, October 2002-January 2006

Prosecutions and Convictions-- Individuals

Noncitizen voting: 20 Vote buying: 49 Double voting: 12 Registration fraud: 13

Civil Rights: 4

Voter Intimidation: 2

Unclear: 1

Open Investigations (note: a few cases overlap with prosecutions and convictions)

Noncitizen voting: 3 Vote buying: 25 Double voting: 15 Registration fraud: 29 Absentee ballot fraud: 9

Official: 8
Ineligibles: 4

Deceptive Practices: 1 Civil Rights: 14 Intimidation: 6

Other: 2

# Cases and Investigations Closed for Lack of Evidence

Civil Rights: 8 Official: 12

Registration Fraud: 12 Absentee Ballot Fraud: 14

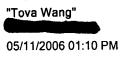
Ineligible Voting: 3
Intimidation: 8
Double Voting: 5
Ballot Box Stuffing: 1
Vote Buying: 14

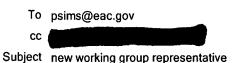
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is Jon Greenbaum

Here's his info in full:

He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project for the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara Arnwine, the Executive Director of the Lawyers Committee.

His contact and mailing info is:

igreenbaum

Suite 400 Washington, DC 20005

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV 05/09/2006 09:31 AM

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cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject May 18th Meeting at EAC

### Hello Marvin,

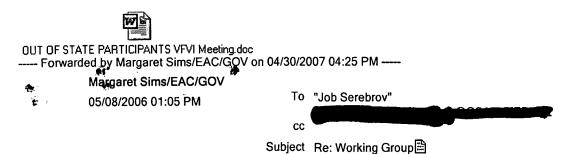
I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC. Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

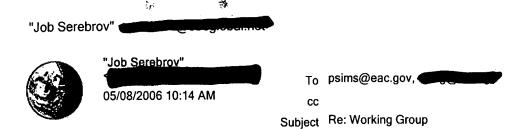
### Thanks for your help!

Devon Romig
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#### Job:

I don't think we can put you on teleconference for 41/2 hours. We really need to have you here in person if you are to help conduct the Working Group meeting. You should make your travel arrangements ASAP. --- Peggy



#### Peggy:

4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the financial restrictions that you indicated would be in place for use of my car (I would actually loose money coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait for months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle for this working group meeting to take place in person. It is looking like the only way it will get done is by teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about the unknown nature of Mr. Perez.

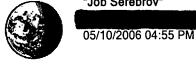
Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> Hi, Folks:
> Teleconference
> Are both of you available for a teleconference next
> Tuesday afternoon at
> about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,
> please suggest another
> date and/or time. I would like to discuss our
> preparations for the
> Working Group meeting.
> Working Group Members
> We have a very good person to fill the slot for the
> nonpartisan local
> election official: J.R. Perez, Elections
> Administrator for Guadalupe
> County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no
> objections to him. He
> is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat
> Rogers office, but
> have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any
> pull with him, you
> may want to contact him, too.
> Travel Arrangements
> You should make your own travel arrangements,
> including hotel. Travel
> time cannot be billed to the contract, except for
> hours actually worked on
> the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in
> preparation for the meeting,
> and the like). Current Federal rates follow:
> Maximum Lodging = $180 per day- does not include
> hotel taxes (if you
> cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable
> rates that are a little
> higher)
> Meals & Incidentals = $64 per day (except that it is
> $48 on the first and
> last day of travel)
> Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = $ .445 per
> mile
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> Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a
> travel authorization
> for you. I can approve your trip via email.
> Afterwords, when you turn in
> your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline
> receipt (or mileage
> documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground
> transportation receipts and a
> copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the
> total travel expenses due
> you, including applicable per diem. I do not need
> meal receipts.
> Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations
> for personal reasons are
> not normally accommodated. What you can do,
> however, is to give me a
> comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel,
> and per diem of doing
> it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight,
> ground transportation,
> hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it
> should be no problem to
> cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive,
> we may only pay up to
> the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules
> apply to me when I
> travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,
> you will spend the
> night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.
> Peggy
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# "Job Serebrov"

To psims@eac.gov

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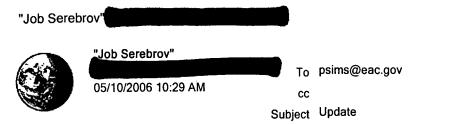
Subject Re: Latham

Do you have any other suggestions? --- psims@eac.gov wrote: > One sources suggests the Georgetown Inn has > vacancies and pillow top beds.

Try 1-800-424-2979 or 202-353-8900. >

Why is the hotel suggestion not workable? (I need to know as we continue our search.) -- Peg

Subject Re: Update



### Peggy:

Pat just e-mailed me. He has something he can't move on the 18th. So I am now down one person and still no good hotel situation. Devon's suggestion is not workable.

Job

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/30/2007 06:25 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov

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Subject Vote fraud Study-Archived Email Part 1

Here is the first batch of my archived email related to the vote fraud study.

Peg Sims

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"Job Serebrov" 08/02/2006 07:12 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Project

Peg:

Where are we on things?

Job

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To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

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Subject Fw: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

I think this is the communication to which you referred this afternoon. --- Peggy

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Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV

11/30/2005 10:19 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc jthompson@eac.gov

Subject Re: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Peggy,

Per our discussion, I have some initial concerns regarding the definitions that have been proposed.

1. Fraud is a legal term of art. Fraud is an intentional act or omission (i.e. actual fraud or constructive

From: Tova Wang Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 9:31 AM

To: psims@eac.gov

Cc: 'Job Serebrov'; Subject: bibiliographic form

Hi Peg, Here is the list of literature reviewed in bibliographic form. Please let us know if you have been able to look over any of the materials. Starting this afternoon, I will be pretty unavailable for the next two weeks.

Thanks

Tova Andrea Wang Democracy Fellow

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08/11/2006 02:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: direct deposit

I'm assuming we will get the extension for the revision period. Thanks. ---- Original Message ----

From: <psims@eac.gov>

Sent: Friday, August 11, 2006 2:39 PM

Subject: Re: direct deposit

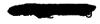
> Tova:
> Tova:
> I show only 2 hours left on your contract as of 7/15/06 -- but here is the
> form you requested. --- Peggy
> (See attached file: EFT Form.rtf)

wang@tcf.org 08/10/2006 08:34 To psims@eac.gov CC Subject direct deposit > Hey Peg, > Mope you are well. Whenever you have a chance, I need the form to change > the direct deposit to my newsbank account. Thanks so much. > Tova > PS -- Keep me posted on what's going on with the report ---- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV 08/11/2006 02:39 PM CC Subject Re: direct deposit

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To psims@eac.gov

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Subject direct deposit

Hey Peg,

Hope you are well. Whenever you have a chance, I need the form to change the direct deposit to my new bank account. Thanks so much.

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Tova

PS -- Keep me posted on what's going on with the report

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Juliet E.

Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/G

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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